

January 27, 2005
Work Session

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
Allen Sneed- Commissioner
Brady Wooten- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board

Closed Session

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to go in Closed Session per G.S. 143-318.11. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

EMS

Mr. Wood reviewed the proposed EMS project. The proposal is for 3 new outpost stations: Fall Creek, Old Hwy 421 and Reavis Road. The buildings for the outposts station will be metal with a basic floor plan; two bays/two bedrooms/two bathrooms. The Reavis Road will have a bay complex, training center and administrative offices.

Brent Hawks, Director of Operations, presented the Board will call volumes from 2001-2005. He explained transports and non-transports.

Commissioner Wooten asked if moving an ambulance to cover another area is considered a call?

Mr. Hawks stated no. Mr. Hawks stated that 84% of the transports are out of the county; we take the patient to the hospital of their choice.

Mr. Hawks informed the Board that in three years the county would need another full-time crew. There is a need for adequate facilities for administration and a training center. EMS does a lot of in-house training and the current facilities are just not adequate. EMS uses rooms at Surry Community College, fire departments and rescue squads.

Mr. Vestal stated there is not adequate space to store all the necessary supplies for medical calls. The state mandates how supplies can be stored. The county is borderline to being out of compliance because the area is not secure.

Commissioner Sneed stated that he attended a meeting in Forsyth County with EMS and at the meeting Yadkin County was commended as a model for EMS. He commented that EMS is overdue for new facilities. The county will save \$300,000 by purchasing the steel buildings as opposed to stick built.

Mr. Hawks reviewed the plan with the Board and the possibility of cutting footage in the bay areas.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that loan proposals have been mailed to several area banks asking for the terms of a twenty-year loan.

The Board discussed site preparations.

Mr. Adams stated the costs of the buildings are correct but there are other costs to consider when looking at the total costs for the outpost facilities.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to proceed with outposts at Fall Creek and Hwy 421. The plans are to be sent out together to get one bid. The outposts will be 36x70, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 2 bays. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Chairman Swaim called for a break.

Mr. Hawks discussed the proposed outpost at Reavis Road. He expressed that the outpost should be built as stated, if built any smaller EMS will outgrow the facility within three-years when the new crew is added.

The Board discussed the basement for Reavis Road.

Chairman Swaim suggested finishing what is needed now and have the other areas ready to finish at a later date.

The Board requested Mr. Hawks get some more information on building costs and needs for the Reavis Road outpost and bring it back to the February 7th meeting.

Fire Marshal

The Board discussed the fire marshal position. The Fire Marshal is currently classified under Building Inspections.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to remove the Fire Marshal from under Building Code and place him directly under the County Manager effective February 1st. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Sneed stated he has received several letters concerning the animal shelter. He visited the shelter and saw there were flaps installed which can be rolled up and down to protect the animals from the wind and cold and allow sunshine to come in during the day.

Commissioner Phillips questioned the responsibilities of the county and the Humane Society.

Mr. Adams updated the Board on the two dogs that Ms. Singh referenced at the last meeting.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to post no trespassing signs at the landfill stating no entry after hours and that violators will be prosecuted. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board vote 4-0.**

Commissioner Phillips commented that she does not agree with people speaking out at the commissioners' meeting. She stated she would bring this up at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Wooten stated he received a call from APCO regarding the communication issue for the county. He informed the Board that an engineer with the Highway Patrol will be here next week. Commissioner Wooten asked the Board if they would allow him to ride along.

The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Wooten to ride along.

Mr. Wood asked the Board's permission to pay the EMS architect \$1,650.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to pay the architect \$1,650. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Wooten requested itemized bills from the architect this day forward.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to pay the surveyor's bill. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Wooten asked that the county be sure to have good and clear titles for all outpost stations. He would like copies of these titles available in the county manager's office.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the Sheriff has four employees on extended sick leave. He is using his part-time help and this could cause him to go over the budgeted amount for part-time salaries.

Mr. Wood discussed Dell and a possible trip to Texas.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to proceed with talking to Dell. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Commissioner Sneed inquired about waterlines at Yadkin Valley Telephone.

Recess

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to recess until January 31st at 6:00 p.m. to meet with the Board of Education. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board